



2012 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

An Artistic Discovery

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades in one building.
- All enclosed forms must be filled out and mailed by the deadlines in order to be considered in the Congressional Art Competition.
- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of a contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.
- The final decision regarding suitability for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.
- Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. Copyright laws.
NOTE: Any entry which has been produced from an existing photo, painting or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and WILL NOT be accepted.
- An attached form must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the art piece.
- **Each school may only submit up to five (5) entries for judging. Schools with more than one art teacher may request special permission to submit more than five entries.**

In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:

- Two-dimensional only
- If you wish to frame your own artwork, keep in mind that each work can be **no larger than 28"x 28"x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame.**
- Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.
- No more than 4 inches in depth

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)
- Collage - Must be two-dimensional
- Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.)
- Computer Generated Art
- Photography